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SUBJECT: GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS AND MARITIME PROBLEM

FROM ROBINSON

1. IN CONNECTION WITH REVISED TEXT OF GRAIN AGREEMENT, SENT SEPTTEL, WE PROPOSE SIDE LETTER INCORPORATING NEEDED ASSURANCES REGARDING SHIPPING. PROPOSED TEXT THIS SIDE LETTER FOLLOWS. IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING NEEDED CLEARANCES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, PARTICULARLY L, AND FROM INTERAGENCY GROUP UNDER SEIDMAN, IN THIS CASE CONCURRENCE OR COMMENTS OF MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR BLACKWELL ARE NECESSARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING TODAY OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE SUPPLY OF GRAIN, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING REACHED BETWEEN US WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE REFERENCE IN ARTICLE 6 TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN AGREEMENT ON MARITIME MATTERS RELATES TO THE AGREEMENT ON MARITIME MATTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 14, 1972

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AND TO THAT AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE EXTENDED, AS AMENDED, TO BE

COTERMINOUS WITH THE AGREEMENT ON THE SUPPLY OF GRAIN.

2. THE EXTENDED AGREEMENT ON MARITIME MATTERS WILL INCORPORATE ARTICLES 7 AND 8 AS CLARIFIED IN ANNEX III OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT ON MARITIME MATTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR SIGNED AT WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 14, 1972.

3. RATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON MARITIME MATTERS, AS EXTENDED, APPLYING THE SAME BASIC PRINCIPLES AS HERETOFORE.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

END TEXT.
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